

declaration of statehood (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 380 yeas to 24 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 52).

Pages H1288-98, H1302

Federal Maritime Commission Authorization: The House passed H.R. 819, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 403 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 50.

Pages H1299-H1301

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 104, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

Pages H1298-99

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1300-01, H1301, and H1302. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and Joseph E. Brann, Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: James M. Owendorff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management, and Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony

was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Labor, the Employment Standards Administration and the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Alexis M. Herman, Secretary; Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; and J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard Capital and Funding Requirements. Testimony was heard from Adm. James Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation and John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, GAO.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on the fiscal year 2000 Maritime Administration authorization request and fiscal year 2000 (first quarter) Panama Canal Commission authorization request. Testimony was heard from Clyde Hart, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; and Alberto Aleman Zubieta, Administrator, Panama Canal Commission.

LONG-TERM PLANNING—MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE AND INSTALLATIONS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on long-term planning for military infrastructure and installations management requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations Management, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. Michael W. Shelton, USN, Facilities and Engineering Division (N44), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics, Department of Navy; Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Geoffrey B. Higginbotham, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Read Adm. Jack E. Buffington, USN (Ret.),

Department of Civil Engineering, University of Arkansas.

HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on the Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Women's Health: Raising Awareness of Cervical Cancer. Testimony was heard from Senator Mack; Representative Eshoo; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Ronald Valdiserri, M.D., Deputy Director and Nancy Lee, M.D., Associate Director, Science, both with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Douglas R. Lowey, M.D., Deputy Director and Edward L. Trimble, M.D., Head Surgery Section, both with the National Cancer Institute, NIH.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported amended H. Res. 101, Providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Smith of Michigan, Boucher, Rothman, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Slaughter and LaFalce; Joe Lee, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL FOREST PLANNING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Committee of Scientists—National Forest Planning. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999. The rule makes

in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative LoBiondo.

STEEL IMPORTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Quinn, Moran of Kansas, Levin, Visclosky, Doyle and Mascara.

OVERSIGHT—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on Information Technology for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

CHILD CARE FINANCING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Federal Resources Available for Child Care. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney of New York and Tauscher; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Gene Falk, Specialist in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Paul Cullinan, Chief, Human Resources Cost Estimate Unit, CBO; Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner, Department of Social Services, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS—COVERT ACTION BUDGETS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Clandestine Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year Budget: Covert Action. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D242)

H.R. 882, to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers. Signed March 15, 1999. (P.L. 106-2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to resume hearings to examine the nature of risk management in agriculture and federal crop insurance programs, 8 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Air Force programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, General Accounting Office, and the Government Printing Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the efforts to reform and streamline the Department of Defense's acquisition process, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2000 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the implementation of 1997 Medicare changes to Medicare-Fee for Service and Medicare+Choice Programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on nuclear safety issues, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to mark up S. 326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, and to consider pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on FBI, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Trade Representative, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and executive, on fiscal year 2000 Army Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on GAO and National Park Service Housing, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on OSHA, 10 a.m., and on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment; and Inspectors General Panel, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA and Judicial Conference of the U.S., 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. policy in the Balkans, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues as required by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.